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SUBJECT: REMAINS OF RICHARD S. WELCH; ATHENS DEPARTURE CEREMONY

REF: ATHENS 10186

1. REMAINS OF MR WELCH WILL BE MOVED FROM ATHENS AIR BASE MORTUARY TO PLANESIDE TODAY 1700 HRS LOCAL BY USAF AMBULANCE. EMBASSY MARINE SECURITY DETACHMENT WILL ESCORT FROM POINT APPROXIMATELY 500 YARDS BEFORE REACHING TARMAC. AMBULANCE WILL PROCEED TO AIRCRAFT LOADING RAMP WHERE MARINES WILL REMOVE FLAG-DRAPED TRANSFER CASE AND CARRY IT ABOARD C-141. ESCORT, 2ND LT P. T. WELCH, WILL THEN BOARD AIRCRAFT.

2. OFFICIAL PARTY WILL CONSIST OF AMBASSADOR AND MRS. KUBISCH, SENIOR STAFF AND WIVES, WILL ASSEMBLE AT 1645 TO PARTICIPATE IN SILENT, DIGNIFIED DEPARTURE CEREMONY. MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL BE IN UNIFORM.

WE HAVE INFORMED PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND EXPECT GOG REPRESENTATION AT AIR BASE. WE ARE NOT INVITING THIRD COUNTRY REPRESENTATION.

3. TO SATISFY NUMEROUS PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES

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AND AVOID UNWARRANTED SPECULATION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE,

WE ARE PERMITTING GREEK AND FOREIGN PRESS POOL
COVERAGE FOR NARRATIVE REPORTING ONLY. USIS PHOTO-
GRAPHER WILL PROVIDE EXCLUSIVE STILL PHOTOGRAPHIC
COVERAGE FROM WHICH WE WILL THEN SELECT APPROPRIATE
PRINTS AND MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

4. FYI: IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAMILY WISHES THERE WILL
NOT BE A RELIGIOUS CEREMONY UPON DEPARTURE.

5. FOR NAPLES: PLEASE INFORM MRS. WELCH OF CONTENTS
PARA 1 THROUGH 3.
KUBISCH

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